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1. In a spar structure for offshore hydrocarbon recovery operations,  
a vertically oriented elongated floating hull with a buoyant upper section;  
a ballasted lower section;  
a truss member *separated* ~~separated~~ the floating hull from the lower ballasted section;  
an anchoring system connecting the hull to the ocean floor; and  
a ~~vertically oriented fairing shaped profile section presented on the hull.~~

- 10 2. A spar structure in accordance with Claim 1 wherein the fairing shaped profile section is formed by an outer wall of the hull.

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3. A spar structure in accordance with Claim 1 wherein the ~~fairing shaped profile section~~ comprises a vertically extending fairing *rotatably* ~~rotatably~~ mounted about the floating hull.